

PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 9051.37

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Lynn Y. Shimada )  
Serial No.: 09/345,820 ) Art Unit  
Filed: June 30, 1999 ) 3694  
For: METHOD AND SOFTWARE ARTICLE FOR )  
SELECTING ELECTRONIC PAYMNET OF )  
VENDORS IN AN AUTOMATED PAYMENT )  
ENVIRONMENT )  
Examiner: Ella Colbert )

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2007 and is further responsive to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office December 8, 2006.

Applicant's remarks to the Notice of Non-compliant amendment dated September 10, 2007 are as follows: Applicant respectfully submits that the status identifier associated with claim 10 is correct as "(currently amended)," as claim 10 has been amended at the end of line 2 by deleting the word "an." Applicant understands that the amendment to claim 10 is small, as was the amendment to claim 18 that generated the notice of non-compliant amendment dated June 1, 2007. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant notes that all amendments to the

claims are marked in the manner required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and M.P.E.P. 714. In addition, to assist the Examiner in locating amendments, each amendment is further marked in the left-hand margin with a vertical bar representing a line that includes an amendment. Therefore, the Examiner may refer to the correct status identifiers that are included herein and that were included with the original response, and upon finding a status identifier of “(currently amended),” the Examiner may look for one or more vertical bars in the left-hand margin to quickly and easily locate the line(s) in which amendments have been made.

Applicant respectfully notes that the amendments to claims 10 and 18 which resulted in the Notices of Non-Compliant Amendment are amendments specifically requested by the Examiner in the December 8, 2006 Office Action at paragraph 5 (“Claim Objections”) on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

As claim 10 contains the correct status identifier, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and consideration of the application and amendment previously submitted, as repeated herein.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the line numbers of all claim amendments contained herein are as follows:

Claim 10 – line 2;

Claim 12 – line 4;

Claim 13 – line 3;

Claim 18 – second to last line (on second page of claim);

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of the amended portions of the specification begins on page 7.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 10.

Applicant's summary of the November 27, 2006 interview with the Examiner begins on page 15.

Remarks begin on page 16.